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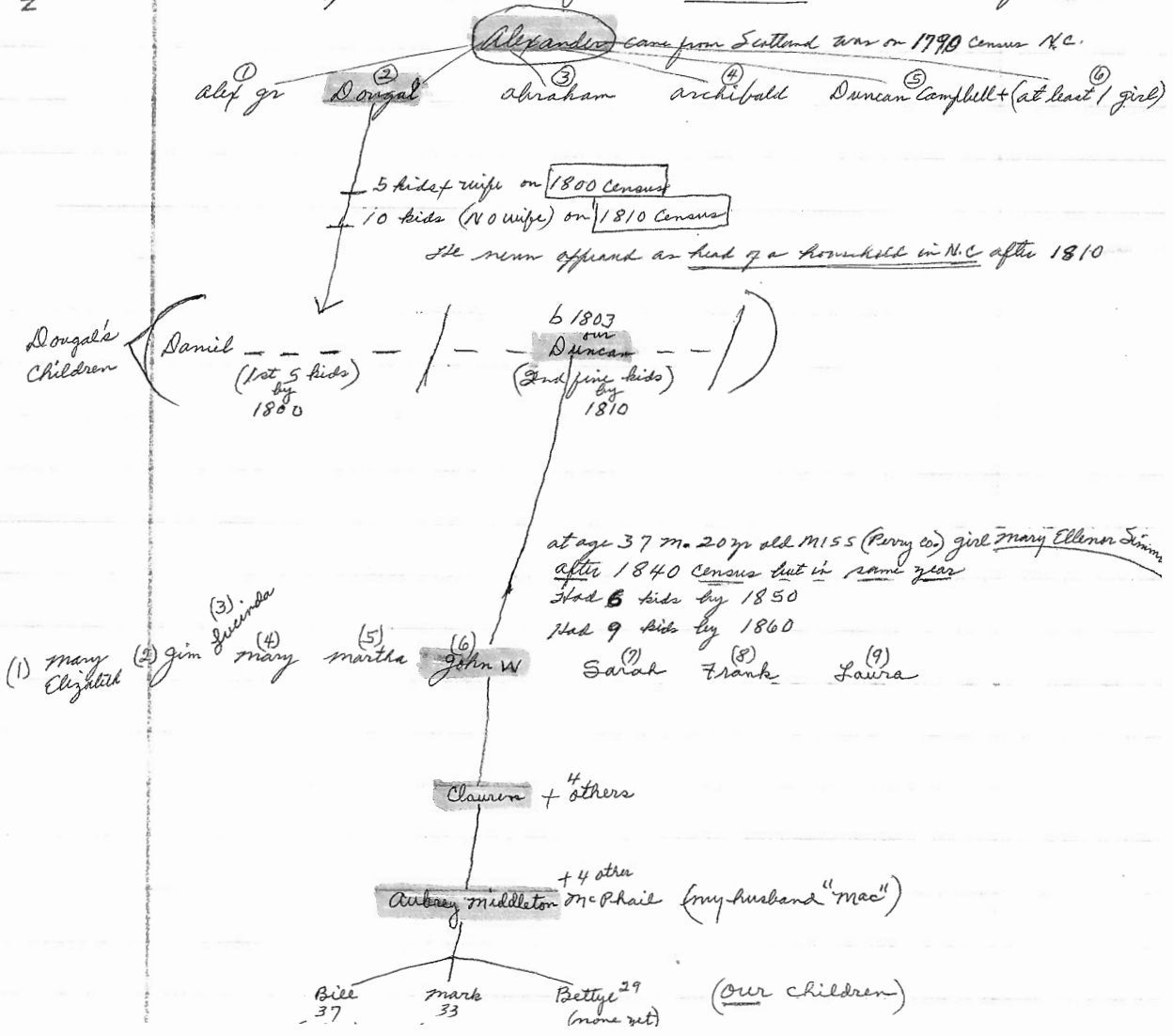
deceased 1988

Sat. Sept 24, 1983

Dear Mrs. Nicholson,

Appreciate your letter. We know ALL about Duncan Campbell McPhail of Sampson Co N.C.. We have a 738 page book on him & descendants and have visited the Compiler in 1972 & 1974. She died 2 yrs ago and could not help us with our Duncan. She & we believe he was son of Duncan Campbell's older bro. named Dougal.


Alexander came from Scotland was on 1790 Census N.C.
alex jr (1)
Dougal (2)
abraham (3)
archibald (4)
Duncan Campbell + (at least 1 girl) (6)
5 kids & wife on 1800 Census
10 kids (NO wife) on 1810 Census
He never appears as head of a household in N.C after 1810
Dougal's Children
Daniel
(1st 5 kids by 1800)
& 1803
our
Duncan
(2nd group kids by 1810)
at age 37 m. 20 yr old MISS (Perry Co) girl Mary Ellenor Simms
after 1840 Census but in same year
Had 6 kids by 1850
Had 9 kids by 1860
(1) mary Elizabeth
(2) jim
(3) lucinda
(4) mary
(5) martha
(6) John W
(7) Sarah
(8) Frank
(9) Laura
Clauren + 4 others
+ 4 other
Aubrey Middleton McPhail (my husband "Mac")
Bill 37
mark 33
Bettye 29 (none yet)
(our children)

Fannie Van Simmons, g granddaughter of Duncan Campbell, wrote the 738 p. book, and she also wrote an 148 page book on Daniel & Descendants later because Daniel was a son of "Uncle Dongal". She couldn't find certified data on Dongal after 1810 or on any other children of his. Besides Daniel In the 738 p book on Duncan Campbell she writes "There was another Duncan McPhail who bought land in 1823 (gave 7th ? date) and sold it in March 23" (his administrator sold it for him, she said). She went on to say "since this land joined Dongal McPhail's land, he may be one of the 6 unidentified sons of Dongal."

That's what we're clung to these years (11 years). She thinks he (Dongal) could have stayed there in N.C. and lived with a married dau. But our Duncan doesn't sound all that aggressive so don't believe he came to Miss. by himself.

There was a Dongal McPhail (1st one in Miss) who was on 1830 Census in Covington Co with a wife or sister living in the house 1 yr older than Dongal. The older children are missing (believe older, settled ones stayed in No. Ca) and he has several born after 1810 Census. On later 1880 Census his Unmarried son, Alexander (named for Dongal's father?), says his (Dongal) father was born in Scotland and his mother in N.C. and all the kids were b in N.C. Dongal's age matches ours' age. Scotland is correct for Dongal's birthplace.

If Dongal & family left N.C. it would be after Duncan bought his land in 1823 but they were gone in 1824 cause Duncan got someone to sell it for him. They were in Miss by 1830 & that all matches.

Our folks said they had "Cousins" in Covington Co.

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I've written Clerk in Court House (it burned long ago, also Perry Co) and I've begged my husband to go down there and maybe they'll let us dig through old newspapers etc. He wants to know badly but doesn't want to give up hunting & fishing long enough to search!

He's 65; he's nearly 67, retired store owner (groc, hardware, etc. in the country). He's worked 12 hr a day for all these years (6 days a wk) and I can understand part of it.

We hired a man to search in Archives in Jackson (Gordon-Wells) 7 Feb '83 but he hasn't contacted us at all. I wrote him yesterday to meet us Sat, Oct 8th so we can pay him for his efforts.

We felt like if Duncan joined a group coming to miss. without his parents he might have worked as a farm laborer for the Simmons' but can't find that on census. Since you're working on Perry Co. I wrote this so you can keep this in mind and if anything shows up in your research please let us know.

When James Simmons, Jr. and Lucinda Turner Green Simmons moved from Perry Co. they were listed on 1850 census in next house to their oldest child, Mary Ellenor, who married our Duncan McPhail. The Simmons' had 13 children and some of that set are wealthy today. They are bankers, lawyers etc. in Jackson. Poor little Mary Ellenor (Mary Ellenor was oldest) had nothing. They lived in a two room house with squeaky porch & K set off in back. They lived on 16th section land so can't find deeds, wills, etc. Nothing to deed, nothing to will! Their descendants are nurses, hospital administrators

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school teachers, 1 college teacher (at Miss College - Clinton) etc.

My letter about Simmonses had faded so it wouldn't Xerox so I spent time going over it part. If I could have typed it, it would have been quicker and better.

Sincerely,
Rosalyn McPhail
(Mrs. A. M.)

Sampson Co, N.C. Will
Duncan McPhail - D-oct, 12, 1838 - P. Feb, 1841
wife: Thereby McPhail
Sons: Duncan C. McPhail, Isaiah McPhail
Dau: Mary Herring, Elizabeth Herring, Ann Eliza McPhail,
Catherine McPhail
exec: Joseph Herring, son, Duncan C. McPhail
wit: Daniel Maxwell, Thomas T. Bullard

In my notes I want 18 families of Simmons

No McPhails in 1820 Perry Co Miss, only lots of Simmons. Forgot

If you know of one let us know as My dau. is writing a book on Perry Co. Miss.

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We surely know of some!

Isaiah had 13 close-knit children whose descendants take turns hosting a McPhail Reunion in Sampson Co. N.C. every 3rd Sun in AUG. The event in 1974 and there were over 300 there. Sometimes there are 500. The host family may be scattered over 15 or 20 states but they all try to "gather". The other son (D.C. Jr) left no descendants.

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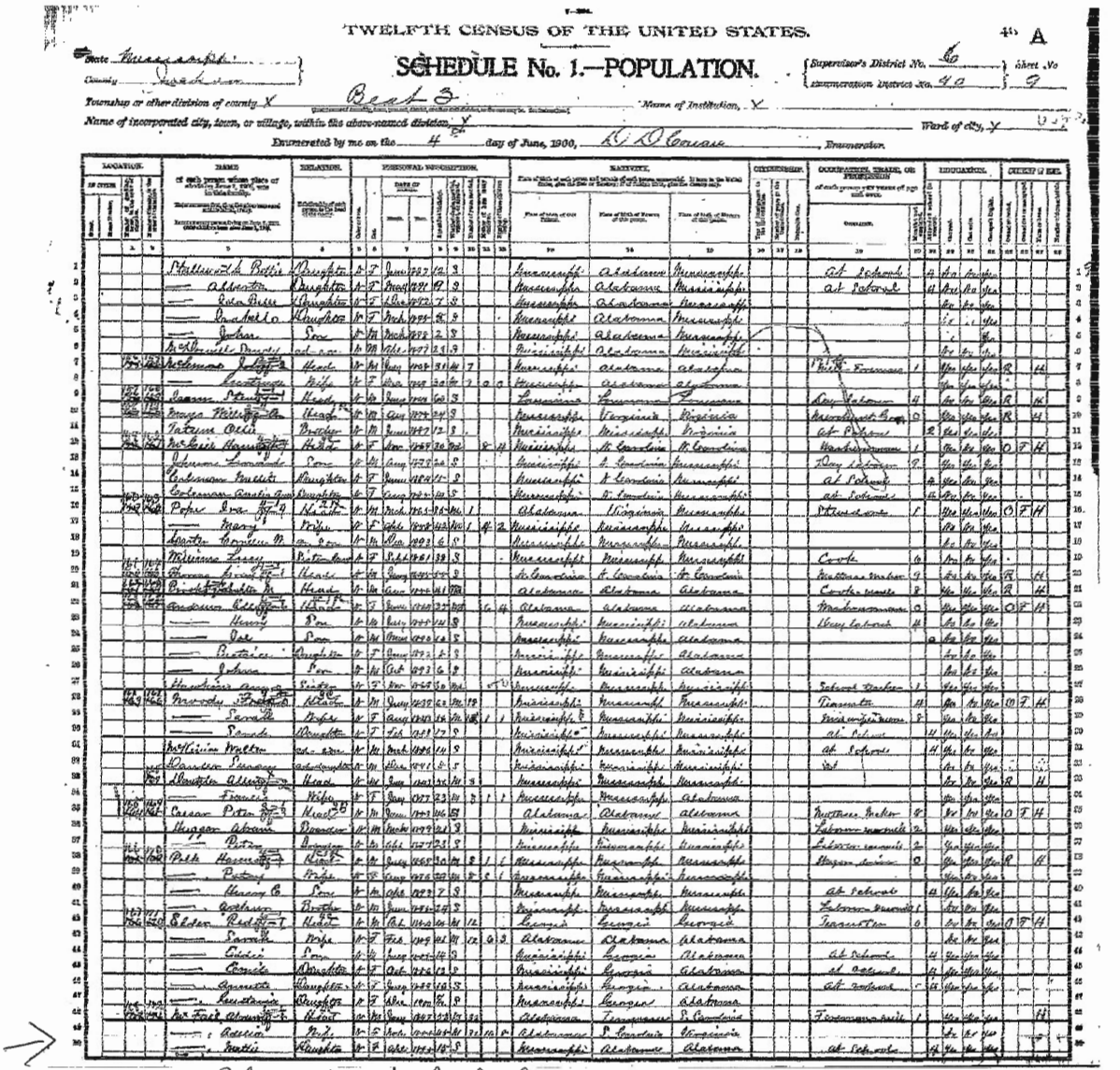

TWELFTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES. 45 A

SCHEDULE No. 1.—POPULATION.

State Mississippi. County Jackson. Supervisor's District No. 6. Sheet No. 9

Township or other division of county X Beat 3. Name of Institution, X

Name of incorporated city, town, or village, within the above-named division, X. Ward of city, X

Enumerated by me on the 4th day of June, 1900, G. D. Corcoran, Enumerator.

Abram McPhail b Ala

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